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March 29, 2017

Mayor Palladeno called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Redington Beach Town Hall, 105 164th Avenue, Redington Beach, Florida, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Members Present:

Redington Beach Mayor Nick Simons Belleair Beach Mayor Leslie Nataro Indian Rocks Beach Mayor, RB Johnson **Indian Shores** Mayor Patrick Soranno N. Redington Beach Mayor Bill Queen **Redington Shores** Mayor Bert Adams Treasure Island Mayor, Bob Minning St. Pete Beach Mayor, Alan Johnson Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Palladino Clearwater Mayor Cretekos

Guests Present:

Fred Steiermann, Commissioner, Redington Beach Sandra Cuddington, Forward Pinellas, MPO Mary Ann Renfrow, Tierra Verde Community Association Rosanne Jezele, Tierra Verde Community Association Pam Middleton, Treasure Island Bob Esposito, FDOT Mike Hackerson, Councilor Indian Shores Leah Brown, Charter Communications Iris Gonzalez, Charter Communications John Messmore, Sweet Sage John Douthirt, Madeira Beach Michael Fittio, Representative Kathleen Peters Sarah Goldman, Representative Kathleen Peters Rebecca Carter, Sand Key Civic Association Terri Finnerty, City of St. Pete Beach Terry Hamilton-Wollin, Indian Rocks Beach Phil Wrobel, Indian Rocks Beach Brett Burks, Forward Pinellas Bonnie Epstein, PSTA Mary Beth Henderson, Redington Shores Doreen Moore, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber

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Larry Schear, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District Bill Smith, Councilor Indian Shores Diantha Schear, Vice Mayor, Indian Shores Kristi Pettit, Clearwater Gas Doug Izzo, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber Phyllis Johnson, Beach Scene Cookie Kennedy, Indian Rocks Beach Bob McClure, Tampa Bay Newspapers Jeff Baker, Duke Energy

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Palladeno asked that the "Election of Officers" be moved after Legislative Updates. A motion was made by Mayor Simons to approve the agenda as amended and duly seconded by Mayor Queen and carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2017

Motion was made by Mayor Queen to approve the February 22, 2017, minutes and duly seconded by Mayor Soranno and carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion was made by Mayor Simons to accept the treasurer's report as presented and duly seconded by Mayor Queen and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None

New Business

- A. Iris Gonzales and Leah Brown from Charter Communications, of the Government and Community Affairs Division, presented the members about Charter Communications reduced broadband program, which is titled Spectrum Internet Assist. This is a program that gives a reduced rate for families with students who participate in the National School Lunch Program and well as seniors who are 65 and older who receive Supplemental Security Income.
- B. Angela Crist, Executive Director of the Suncoast League of Cities was unable to attend due to illness.
- C. Appointment to the PSTA: This is an appointment to fill Mark Deighton's position until September of 2017. Each city will go back to their commissions to seek nominations.

Committee Updates:

Beach Funding: haven't received all of the information as yet.

Interlocal Agreement: Mayor Palladeno noted that this will be handled by Mayor Queen moving forward.

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Old Business:

The Pennies for Pinellas Renewal was talked about briefly.

Legislative Updates:

Sarah Goldman and Michael Fittio from Representative Kathleen Peters office recapped the last four weeks of the session. House Bill 1361 for Redington Beach has gone through two committees and has one more to go through before going to the Senate. Home Rule was also talked about and how it seems that the people in Tallahassee have forgotten about the local governments.

City Events:

Board members shared the upcoming events in their respective cities.

The meeting concluded at 9:45 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on April 26, 2017, hosted by Madeira Beach.

Mayor Bob Minning

President

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